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THE WHISTLER EXHIBITION

[N explaining these works to the public, I claim my authority, not only as an expert but as a friend of Mr. Whistler at the time that he was engaged upon his best work. No one, I venture to think, knew Whistler's work—from the etching of the plate to the printing of the proof—so intimately as I did.

This collection of mine is a collection of the very finest proofs, most of them first impressions in the most perfect condition, with the bloom upon them. In certain cases of the dry points the plates have been so delicate that two or three proofs have swept away the burr entirely, and so destroyed

THE WHISTLER

all richness, but my proofs are absolutely unique in their perfection.

In this exhibition I show mainly those rare and beautiful proofs which cannot be seen anywhere else. I have eliminated altogether the first and last periods of Whistler's career, and I have confined myself entirely to that great middle period when his best work was in the course of production, and even this is fined down to the choicest specimens.

I would like to correct one curious error that has crept in amongst Whistler collectors and connoisseurs, and that is that his choicest etchings and dry points were often printed on thin Japanese paper. Now, as I know well from personal experience, Whistler disliked this much-vaunted Japanese paper, and preferred instead the rich old paper from France and Holland. This paper, as

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will be seen from my collection, greatly enhances the value, and brings out the quality of his rarest work.

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Etched figure, without monogram

2 SPEKE HALL

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Dry-point figure, without monogram

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w 137

Trial proof, without dry point

4 SPEKE HALL

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Etched figure, touched with wash

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Trial proof, without tippet

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Final proof, with rich fur
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Fourth trial proof

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Third trial proof

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With dry-point added, un-
described

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Described by Wedmore.
First trial proof.

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	Unique dry point, the only known impression	
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| | Very early proof before plate
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signed "first proof" | |
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gram | |
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89	THE SCOTCH WIDOW	W 118
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99	PARIS—THE ISLE DE LA CITÉ	W 55
100	THE BEACH	W 101
101	MAUDE, SEATED	W 109
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102	WYCH STREET	W 132
	Butterfly in pencil within plate mark, and signed "Whistler, 1st proof"	
103	SKETCH OF A GIRL, NUDE	W 113
	Second State, washed with Indian ink	
104	SKETCH OF A GIRL, NUDE	W 113
	Rare dry point	
105	THE UNSAFE TENEMENT	W 7
	With portion of Early State, with woman	

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106	WYCH STREET		W 132
		Touched in water-colour. Butterfly in pencil, and signed "Whistler, 2nd proof"	
107	MR. MANN		W 58
108	THE DESK		W 104
		Trial proof, first State	
109	BATTERSEA, DAWN		W 125
		Early State	
110	A WHARF		W 38
111	TWO SHIPS		W 116
		Early State in outline	
112	THE DESK		W 104
		Trial proof, second State	
113	CHILD ON A COUCH		W 112
114	CHELSEA WHARF		W 81
		Fifth proof	
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		Trial proof	

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116	THE DESK	W 104
	Trial proof, third State	
117	GREENWICH PENSIONER	W 32
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118	"SWAN" BREWERY	W 89
119	TWO SHIPS	W 116
	First State	
120	THE DESK	W 104
	Trial proof	
121	PUTNEY BRIDGE	W 145
122	MILLBANK	W 67
	Unique impression, with the word "not" added. De- scribed in Wedmore	
123	TWO SHIPS	W 116
	Second State	
124	THE VELVET DRESS	W 91
125	LORD WOLSELEY	W 138
	Fine rare proof, first State	

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126	THE VELVET DRESS	W 91
127	THE MISER	W 65
128	THE MUSIC-ROOM	W 26
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129	LORD WOLSELEY	W 138
	Touched with water colour, second State	
130	THE KITCHEN	W 19
131	A SKETCH ON THE EMBANKMENT	W 211
132	SKETCH OF SHIPS	W 127
133	THE PIANO	W 117
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134	THE KITCHEN	W 19
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135	SKETCH IN ST. JAMES'S PARK	W 207

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137	THE PIANO	W 117
138	MODEL RESTING	W 87
	First State, without monogram	
139	THE LITTLE WHEELWRIGHTS	Undescribed
140	THE MENPES CHILDREN	W 212
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	First State, unique	
142	MODEL RESTING	W 87
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144	MODEL RESTING	W 87
	Third State	
145	OLD CLOTHES SHOP	W 209

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- 146 FISHING BOATS, HASTINGS W 131
Washed with Indian ink.
Butterfly re-drawn in dry
point
- 147 THE BOY W 109
- 148 UNDER OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE W APP 280
With boat in charcoal, first
State
- 149 THE WHITE TOWER W 128
- 150 LITTLE COURT W 173
- 151 TEMPLE BAR W 133
Trial proof
- 152 UNDER OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE W APP 280
Second State
- 153 ON THE SCHELDT Undescribed
- 154 AMSTERDAM, ETCHED FROM
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Early State

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 155 TEMPLE BAR W 133
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- 156 UNDER OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE W APP 280
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- 158 UNDER OLD BATTERSEA BRIDGE W APP 280
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- 159 A SKETCH AT DIEPPE W 202
- 160 GREENWICH PARK W 33
 First State
- 161 THE TROUBLED THAMES W 129
 First State
- 162 TILLIE—A MODEL W 102
 First State
 Very rare, with upright
 butterfly
- 163 A SKETCH FROM BILLINGSGATE W 130
 First State, without figure

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164	THE TROUBLED THAMES	W 129
	Second State	
165	TILLIE—A MODEL	W 102
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166	A SKETCH FROM BILLINGSGATE	W 130
	Second State, without monogram, but with figures	
167	THE LARGE POOL	W 143
	Before the monogram	
168	TILLIE—A MODEL	W 102
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169	SEATED GIRL	W 103
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170	A SKETCH FROM BILLINGSGATE	W 130
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171	THE LARGE POOL	W 143
172	SEATED GIRL	W 103
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182	FOSCO	W 90
	Signed, "Whistler"	
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184 THE DAM WOOD W 120
Rare first proof

185 SHIPPING, LIVERPOOL W 84

186 LITTLE MAUNDERS W APP 299

187 LA VIELLE AU LOQUES W 14

188 THE WOOD Undescribed
Signed "J. M. Whistler"
and "Seymour Haden," done
in collaboration

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190	STUDY	T.R.W. 2
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193	EARLY MORNING	T.R.W. 7
	First State	
194	STUDY	T.R.W. 2
195	THE TALL BRIDGE	T.R.W. 9
	Second State	
196	NOCTURNE	T.R.W. 5
	On toned paper	

No.		
197	EARLY MORNING	T.R.W. 7
	First State, on toned paper	
198	STUDY	T.R.W. 1
199	STUDY	T.R.W. 15
	Only a few printed	
200	THE BROAD BRIDGE	T.R.W. 8
	On Japanese paper mounted. Before publication	
201	THE TOILET	T.R.W. 6
	Toned paper, rare	
202	STUDY	T.R.W. 3
	On Japanese paper	
203	LIMEHOUSE	T.R.W. 4
204	THE TOILET	T.R.W. 6
	On white paper, before publication	
205	STUDY	T.R.W. 3
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207	TWO SKETCHES	Undescribed

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213	CHELSEA BRIDGE AND CHURCH	w 85
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218	THE LITTLE WAPPING	w 17
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220	PUTNEY, No. 3	w 226
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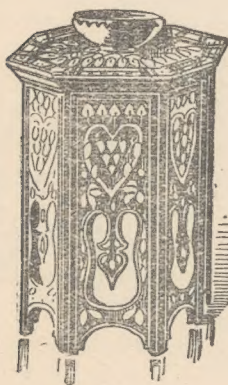
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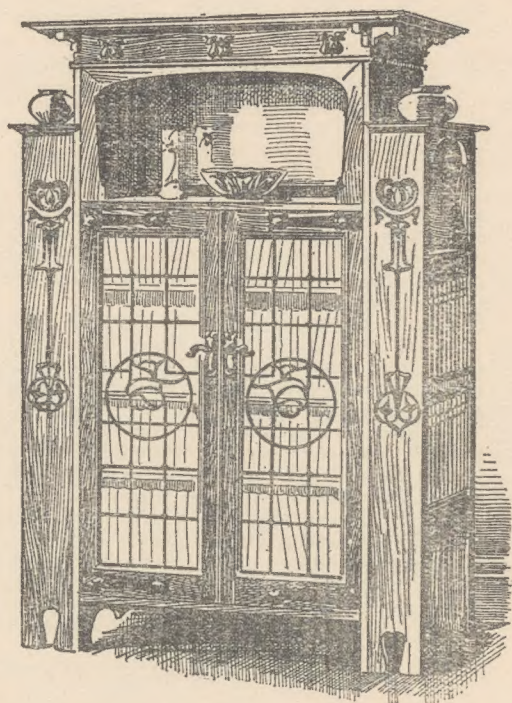
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The book was begun by Mr. Way more than two years ago, but was laid aside, and taken up again, in conjunction with Mr. Dennis, a few months before the master's death. It is the outcome of an extensive study of his work, Mr. Way having been intimate with Mr. Whistler, and an enthusiastic admirer and student of his art, for more than twenty years. The table of Contents will afford some idea of the scope of the volume, which is the first attempt to give an account of every side of the artist's activity."

The kindness of the owners has enabled the authors to illustrate their text with a varied and representative collection of reproductions of the artist's work in all its branches, such as has not hitherto been put before the public. Among the oil paintings given are "At the Piano," "Symphony in White No. III.," "La Princesse du Pays de la Porcelaine," "The Golden Screen," "Portrait of Himself," Portraits of Dr. Whistler, the Painter's Mother, Irving as Phillip II. of Spain, M. Théodore Duret (here illustrated by the owner's permission for the first time), Miss Rosa Corder, Lady Meux, "The Fur Jacket," "The Master Smith," and the "Little Rose" of Lyme Regis, "The Thames in Ice," "Old Battersea Bridge," "Cremorne Gardens," "Pink and Gray—Chelsea," and many others. There are in addition a large number of water colours, pastels, etchings, lithographs, book-illustrations, etc., and also facsimile reproductions, in colour, of "St. Ives" (a water colour) and of several studies in pastel.

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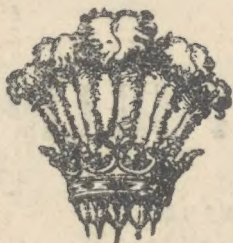


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